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For : METHOD OF EVALUATING QUALITY OF FOODS AND DRINKS
AND INDICATOR THEREFOR

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 21, 2004, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Supplementary Partial European Search Report dated March 30, 2006, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 03 73 7501.1, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) ARTES et al., "*Influence of Packaging Treatments on the Keeping Quality of 'Salinas' Lettuce*," Lebensmittel-Wissenschaft and Technologie, Vol. 29, No. 7, pp. 664-668, (1996) XP002367110;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,364,766; and
- (3) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 264 221, together with family member U.S. Patent No. 4,868,110.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner, are set forth in the Supplementary Partial European Search Report.

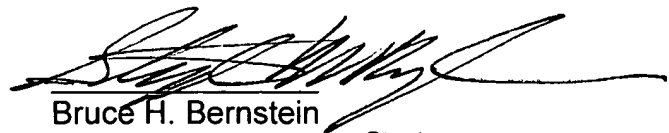
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98, copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign document and the journal article are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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	1	ARTES et al., " <i>Influence of Packaging Treatments on the Keeping Quality of 'Salinas' Lettuce</i> ," Lebensmittel-Wissenschaft and Technologie, Vol. 29, No. 7, pp. 664-668, (1996) XP002367110.

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